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Dear Sir:

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In accordance with 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, and in compliance with the duty of disclosure set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, applicants are submitting herewith copies of the references listed on the attached Form PTO/SB/8A-B for consideration and to be made of record herein by the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office in the above-captioned application. In accordance with 1273 Off. Gaz. Pat. Off. 1, 8/5/2003, no copies of U.S. patents and U.S. published applications are enclosed. Copies of all other references are enclosed.

The attached documents were first cited in the International Search Report dated March 3, 2004 on the corresponding PCT application and relevance is indicated on the enclosed copy of the Search Report.

Consideration of the foregoing plus the prompt return of a copy of the enclosed Form PTO/SB/8A-B with the Examiner's initials in the left column in accordance with MPEP 609 are respectfully requested.

In accordance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), this Information Disclosure Statement is believed to be submitted prior to issuance of a first Office Action. Therefore, it is respectfully submitted that no fee is required for consideration of this information. However, in the event any fee is deemed necessary, the Commissioner is authorized to charge the undersigned's Deposit Account No. 50-2319 (Order No. A-72168/MSS/TJH (477077-00299)).

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